



HISHUK'ISH TSAWALK

TSESHAHT FIRST NATION NEWSLETTER

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WE'RE GOING PAPERLESS!

Starting with this newsletter we are planning to go paperless. Less paper, less printing, less waste, more savings!

There are some things that will still need to be printed, but if we can start to reduce the amount we are printing the better it will be for everyone.

We are looking to start by providing newsletters to as many members as possible via email.

Join the newsletter email distribution list by sending your contact information to:

community@tseshaht.com

OFFICE CLOSURES

*Tseshaht Administration
Office will be closed at 3pm
Friday August 30 & closed
Monday September 2 for*

Labour Day

*Tseshaht Administration
Office will be closed at 3pm
Friday October 11 & closed
Monday October 14 for*

Thanksgiving Day



Tseshaht Longhouse Tuesday August 20, 2019 6:00pm Everyone Welcome

We are planning a Reclaiming Lost Souls of the Alberni Indian Residential School event September 27 & 28, 2019. We cannot do this event without the support of our own community. We invite you to come and have some chumus and talk with us about this event and what that looks like for Tseshaht.

We hope to see you there!

HEALING EVENT



Reclaiming lost souls of the Alberni Indian Residential School

September 27 & 28, 2019
Tseshaht First Nation
Port Alberni BC

Over the last few decades we have come to know there are many “**lost souls**” trying to find their way home culturally. There is much healing that needs to take place. We recognize many Nations may have had children who attended the Alberni Indian Residential School, some of which may also have passed here, and we would like to spiritually facilitate a way for them to go home in peace.

We are currently planning to host any Nations in BC who would like to attend our **healing event**, beginning at daybreak with a Yuxshitl “traditional brushing” of the former Alberni Indian Residential School lands. Once the Yuxshitl has been completed through proper Tseshaht protocols we will give our traditional permission for any Nation in attendance to perform their own cultural cleansing of these “**lost souls**” in hopes they will go to their ancestral homes in peace.

This practice will be emotional for everyone in attendance and we plan to have our Nuu-chah-nulth Quu-asa team in attendance for cultural support and brushings. We have invited all Nations from across BC to extend an invitation to their own cultural support team to attend for cultural consoling and supportive participation as we understand not all supports are the same from Nation to Nation.

The two-day event will close with a Tseshaht traditional feast with singing, drumming and dancing to respect the memories and celebrate that **we are still here**.

We hope to have as many Tseshaht in attendance as possible in order to show that we, as a Nation are looking to take back our land and move forward in a positive direction.

Please contact our Communications Coordinator, Melissa Bigmore with any questions you may have about this event. To register please visit <https://tseshaht.com/airs-event/>



Tseshah First Nation **Employment Opportunity**

Office Services Assistant

The Tseshah First Nation Administration Office is now accepting applications for the position of **Office Services Assistant**. This position is a **full time** at 75 hours bi-weekly (37.5 hours per week).

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide daily reception and general administrative office duty operations support as assigned.
- Greet membership and other visitors in a polite and friendly manner.
- Operate multi-line phone system, directing phone calls and taking messages as appropriate.
- Guide Welcome Center area traffic flows.
- Assist with scheduling meeting spaces and facility rentals.
- Receive/distribute incoming mail/courier deliveries, prepare outgoing mail/courier packages.
- Provide support to other program areas as needed.

EDUCATION, SKILLS & EXPERIENCE NEEDED

- Grade 12 equivalency.
- Post-secondary training relevant to office services considered an asset.
- Minimum of 1-3 years of work experience in receptionist or office administration experience is preferred.
- Familiarity with operation of multi-line phone system.
- Excellent verbal/ interpersonal skills and reception desk protocols.
- Good attention to detail.
- Ability to work as part of a team as well as work independently to complete assigned tasks in an efficient manner
- Ability to comfortably operate in a busy work environment, multi-task and prioritize tasks.
- Demonstrated proficiency with word processing and administering office systems, supplies and equipment.
- Firm understanding of confidentiality.
- Familiarity with accounting and social development processes is considered an asset.
- Willing to engage in learning and cross-department training opportunities.
- Valid BC Driver's license and reliable transportation required.

HOW TO APPLY

Submit a cover letter, resume and three (3) current references to:

Tseshah First Nation, Attention: Melissa Bigmore

by mail: 5091 Tsuma-as Drive, Port Alberni BC, V9Y 8X9; or

by email: mbigmore@tseshah.com

CLOSING DATE: August 28, 2019 at 12:00 Noon.

A Fond Farewell

A fond farewell to our treasured team member, Tammy Lucas.

The years of service and dedication you've provided the Administration Office are greatly appreciated. We will miss your passion, your caring nature, your enthusiastic spirit, the daily laughter and the wisdom you brought to the workplace. We wish you every success on your new career path, may it bring you great success and happiness.

Thank you for brightening our days Tammy, wishing you all the best!

A Great big WELCOME!

Once again the Administration Office was able to gain funding for Summer Students. This year's students, although having a late start to the season, have all jumped right in to their new positions and are doing very well at learning their roles here.

Haven Gus, daughter of Tina Sam and Geoff Gus, granddaughter of Catherine Watts and Richard Sam Sr. and Debbie Gus and Gary Munro. Haven is our Welcome Center Summer Student and will be attending ADSS for her Grade 11 year in September.

Jewel Jensen, daughter of Jamie and Cecilia Jensen, granddaughter of Wendy Gallic and Jim Jensen and Rose Touchie and Daniel Boucha. Jewel is our Cultural Assistant Summer Student and will be attending ADSS for her Grade 10 year in September.

Jade Jensen, daughter of Jamie Jensen and Christine, granddaughter of Wendy Gallic and Jim Jensen. Jade is our Youth and Recreation Assistant Summer Student and is enrolled at NIC in September.

Destani Dick, daughter of Michelle Dick and Mick Tylee, granddaughter of Marlene and Ron Dick Sr. Destani is also a mother of two, Haylee and Nathan. Destani is enrolled at NIC in September.

Welcome!



Let's Talk About Youth!

YOUTH & RECREATION – LUNCH/ TIGER LILY PETTING FARM & FACE PAINTING

WHEN: Friday, August 16th

WHERE: YOUTH CENTER

TIMES: lunch @ 12 noon

petting farm & face painting @ 1:30pm – 3:30pm

EVERYONE WELCOME

THANK YOU, to all the youth that attended the meeting last night at the youth center. Some great ideas and suggestions were provided.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE:

WHEN: Wednesday August 28th

TIME: 6:00pm – 8:30pm

PLACE: Youth Center

AGE: 10 & up

Spaghetti dinner will be served



yaaʔakuk^win ʔuuʔuuk^waʔatḥ (we love our language)

ʔaaqinʔapitḥasuu (What were you all doing?)

June 24-26, Linsey and Dawn along with several Tseshaht members attended the *International Indigenous Language Conference* in Victoria. Here we attended presentations focused on language fluency approaches and were able to network with language learners, program coordinators, and funders. The information gathered during this conference and the personal connections made will lend to our Tseshaht Fluency Strategy.


July 6-20th, two intensive immersion classes as a part of the Quuquutsa Language Society and UVic's Indigenous Language Revitalization Diploma program were hosted in Tseshaht territory. Tseshaht donated the longhouse and haahuupayak gym for the Nuu-chah-nulth cohort. Linsey as a part of her position attended these two weeks as a learning opportunity. Linsey and Dawn facilitated one of the two courses over the two weeks.

A Team-Based Mentor-Apprentice presentation at the Language Conference by the Sauk language group and the Mentorship course as a part of the two-week UVic program inspired a test-drive of a Team-Based Mentor-Apprentice approach for advanced learners of the Barkley dialect during August for two days a week. At this time there are four čišaaʔatḥ learners and one learner from yuutʔiʔatḥ and huupačasatḥ Nations. The goal of this approach is to create an immersion environment, build confidence in learners to become conversational, and for Tseshaht to be leaders in building and supporting a Barkley speaking language community. By test-driving this model, we hope to learn a lot and create more language learning activities that can be brought forward to other learners.

Grant has been working hard to do an assessment of all the language resources and recordings Tseshaht has. He is reviewing the Tseshaht Words/Phrase booklet and the TaaTaaqasapa dictionary and cross-referencing it with what is currently available or not available through our FirstVoices Porthole. Grant has been doing recordings to fill audio gaps currently found on our FirstVoices page and reviewing language with Willard Gallic. He has also been cleaning up old sound files he has found.

ʔuʔaaʔukḥʔiʔaala (take care)





**“My past is not who I am.
What happened to me is not
my identity,
I am not my behaviours.
I am the pure spirit knitted by
the Creator.
My identity is in my ancestors,
my culture and my faith in
who I know I was created to
be.
I am Unique.
I am me.”
–Unknown**

Youth Outreach & Counselling @The Family Center

When: 5:00pm-12:00 midnight

Who: Any Youth or Adult

Wednesdays: Women's drop-in 6:00pm-8:00pm

Thursdays: Youth drop-in 5:00pm-12:00midnight

Fridays: Relapse prevention for NA 6:00pm-8:00pm

Saturdays: Drop-in Counselling 5:00pm-12:00midnight

Sundays: Families effected by Addiction Support Group 6:00pm-8:00pm

?AAQIN?APHAK? - WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

AUG 2019

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SEPT 2019

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29	30					

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Aug 20 - **Community Gathering to discuss about Healing Event** - Longhouse - 6 PM
 - Aug 21 - **Recycling Presentation** - Great Room - 6 PM
 - Aug 30 - **Administration Office** closed at 3 PM
 - Sept 2 - Administration Office closed - **Labour Day**
 - Sept 9 - **Community Meeting** - 7PM - Great Room
 - Sept 27 & 28 - **Reclaiming lost souls of AIRS - Healing Event**
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- 1st Monday of the month - **Elder's Chumustup** - Great Room - 10 AM-12 PM
 - Wednesdays - Family Center - **Women's drop-in** - 6:00pm-8:00pm
 - Thursdays - Family Center - **Youth drop-in** - 5:00pm-12:00midnight
 - Fridays - Family Center - **Relapse prevention for NA** - 6:00pm-8:00pm
 - Saturdays - Family Center - **Drop-in Counselling** - 5:00pm-12:00midnight
 - Sundays - Family Center - **Families effected by Addiction Support Group** - 6:00pm-8:00pm

WHO'S IN THE OFFICE:

MONDAYS

RCMP

JAY/PETE/BETH

TUESDAYS

1:00PM - 3:00PM

NTC HEALTH NURSE

FRANCINE

WEDNESDAYS

THURSDAYS

1:00PM - 3:00PM

NTC HEALTH NURSE

FRANCINE

FRIDAYS

RCMP



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

PORT ALBERNI RCMP INDIGENOUS POLICING SECTION

Cpl. Jay Donahue



Cpl. Jay Donahue is the Non Commissioned Officer in charge of Port Alberni Indigenous Policing services, living and working in the Valley for the past ten years. He is an Aboriginal person and of Metis decent. His maternal family are Cree, from the traditional territory of the Michel First Nation in Alberta. He has 23 years of policing services and a passion for working with Aboriginal peoples.

Jay previously worked as an RCMP officer in Campbell River and New Hazelton; working extensively with the Wei Wai Kum, Campbell River, Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en Nations. His priority is the same wherever he works, ensuring stronger and safer communities for our Aboriginal people.

"If you show respect, you get respect"
— Jay

Cst. Pete Batt



Cst. Pete Batt comes to you from the traditional territories of the Mi'kmaq Peoples. Pete is passionate about issues that affect Indigenous Youth and sees our Youth as the future for all of us. Cst. Batt holds a Bachelor of Science from Dalhousie University and enjoys boating, hiking, hunting and fishing with his family but spends much of his free time celebrating his culture by playing bagpipes in the West Coast Highlanders Pipes and Drums along with his family.

"By knowing and understanding our own cultures, we gain respect for the cultures around us." - Pete

Cst. Elizabeth O'Connor



Elizabeth O'Connor joined the RCMP in 2015 and was posted to Port Alberni out of Depot. She is originally from Hamilton Ontario, the traditional territories of the Haudensaunee and Anishnaabeg people.

Before joining the RCMP Cst. O'Connor worked as a Paramedic with BC Ambulance, a Support Worker with youth leaving the criminal justice system, and as a Corrections Officer.

Through her employment and volunteer work in drug and alcohol detox programs, she learned a great deal about the complexity and barriers people face every day. Cst. O'Connor was drawn to a career in emergency services out of a desire to impact others in a positive way and to promote positive change and progress.

"I feel fortunate to have been assigned to the Indigenous Policing Section and I am excited to learn and be involved in this partnership"
— Beth



WORKING TO BUILD SAFER, HEALTHIER, INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

DRYWALL/GYPSUM WASTE DISPOSAL INFORMATION

When delivering your drywall to the **AV Landfill**, certain procedures will need to be followed. A Gypsum/drywall **waste disposal application** is required for the disposal of all drywall/gypsum material. Applications can be downloaded from <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/alberni-valley-landfill> Or picked up a paper copy at the Landfill. The following provides the acceptance instructions:

Gypsum/drywall: (no asbestos)

1. Complete the waste disposal application form.
2. Bring the completed form with any necessary documentation and material to the Landfill for onsite verification and disposal.

Gypsum/drywall: (with asbestos)

1. Complete the waste disposal application form.
2. Bring the completed form with any necessary documentation and material to the Landfill for onsite verification and disposal.
3. Follow the legal requirements for bagging asbestos material for disposal:
 - Carefully place asbestos containing items in the required 6 Mil poly asbestos disposal bags available at the Alberni Valley Landfill for \$2 or \$3 each
 - DO NOT overfill the bag—leave enough space to properly tie it.
 - Wipe the outside of the bag clean with a wet paper towel and dispose of it with your material
 - Tie the outside of the bag goose neck style and seal with duct tape
 - Place the sealed bag in a **second asbestos disposal bag** and repeat cleaning the outside of the second bag and sealing with a goose neck tie.



3rd Ave. Recycling Depot
3620 3rd Ave. Port Alberni BC
Accepts the following:

- Electronics
- Gasoline, Pesticides, Solvents
- Light Bulbs (all)
- Small Household Appliances (no fridges or freezers)
- Smoke Alarms & Thermostats
- Paint and Paint Aerosols
- Outdoor Power Equipment
- Clothing

The Bottle Depot
3533 4th Ave. Port Alberni BC
Accepts the following:

- Electronics
- Beverage Containers

ALBERNI VALLEY LANDFILL
The Alberni Valley Landfill is a service of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
3008 Fifth Avenue
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2E3
250-720-2700



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT
REGIONAL DISTRICT

ALBERNI VALLEY LANDFILL

LANDFILL INFORMATION AND TIPPING FEES



HOURS OF OPERATION

Summer Hours

(Apr. 16th to Oct. 15th)
Monday to Friday—8:00 am to 5:30 pm
Saturday to Sunday—9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Winter Hours

(Oct. 16th to April 15th)
Monday to Friday—8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Saturday to Sunday—9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Landfill is closed on Statutory
Holidays

Phone: 250-723-1059

Located at:
7080 McCoy Lake Road
Port Alberni, BC

Payment Options

Cash, Interac, Visa and Mastercard are accepted.
No cheques, please.

To set up an account at the Alberni Valley Landfill please download an application from <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/alberni-valley-landfill> or call the ACRD office at 250-720-2700.



Alberni Valley Landfill provides a **RecycleBC** recycle depot for residential household recycling of Packaging and Printed Papers. For a full list of accepted items visit:

www.recyclebc.ca

Landfill Recycling Center Accepts the following Recyclable Materials at no cost:

Fridges and freezers

Yard and Garden Waste (branches 1" & under in diameter)

Metal

Batteries

Residential Used Oil
(incl. containers & filters)

Residential Used Antifreeze
(incl. containers)

Recycle BC Materials

Bikes

Note: A surcharge for solid waste containing **Recyclable Materials or Controlled**

The ACRD is committed to waste diversion and we thank you for Recycling Responsibly!

ALBERNI VALLEY LANDFILL

Tipping Fees

Solid Waste	Tipping Fee	Other Charges
Loads of 83 kg or greater	\$120.00 per tonne	\$10.00 minimum
Loads under 83 kg (each garbage bag or can)	\$2.00 each	\$8.00 maximum
Recreational Vehicle	\$240.00 per tonne	\$300.00 minimum
Surcharge for loads containing Recyclable Materials or Controlled Waste	Double the standard tipping fee	
Surcharge for Unsecured loads	\$240.00 per tonne	
Weighing service		\$10.00 each occurrence

Controlled Waste	Tipping Fee	Other Charges
Construction/Demolition Waste	\$160.00 per tonne	\$15.00 minimum
Land clearing debris	\$120.00 per tonne	15.00 minimum

Recyclable Materials	Tipping Fee	Other Charges
Residential Corrugated Cardboard	No Charge	
Commercial Corrugated Cardboard	\$60.00 per tonne	10.00 minimum
Metal, including appliances	No Charge	
Gypsum	\$250.00 per tonne	10.00 minimum
Clean wood waste	\$120.00 per tonne	10.00 minimum
Stewardship Materials, including car batteries, metal, used oil/antifreeze, fridges, freezers	No Charge	
Tires	\$170 per tonne	\$2.00 each tire minimum
Mattresses	20.00 each	
Yard and Garden Waste	No charge	

ELDER'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Elder's Chumustup & Chat (Coffee Break)

Tuesday July 2, 2019

10AM-12PM | Great Room

Elder's Island Luncheon - June

Wednesday June 19, 2019

12PM | Maht Mahs Gym

Elder's Fish Days - June

Every Friday - until further notice

We are looking for donations for the Elder's Island Luncheon as well as volunteers for helping in the kitchen and serving.

Please contact Lillian Dick 250.724.1225

Prizes can be dropped off at the Administration Office.

Elder's Chumustup & Chat



1st Monday of the month

10AM - 12PM

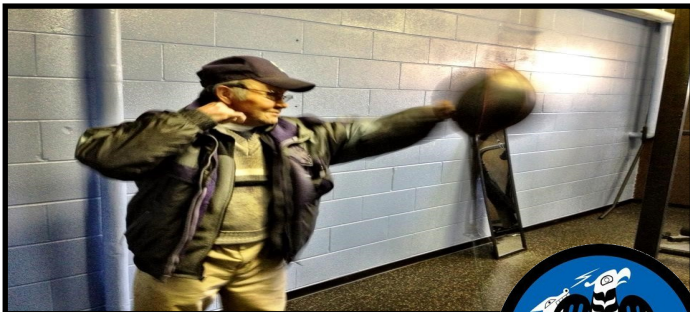
Great Room

Chumus Potluck

Everyone Welcome!

(Please note if the 1st Monday lands on a holiday we will meet the following day)

FITNESS GYM HOURS



Mon, Wed & Fri

5:00PM - 7:00PM

Summer Hours starting May 27

Everyone Welcome!

We are reminding drivers to please ensure you **SLOW DOWN!!!!** This time of year there are many children and people out and about walking.

If you see driver behavior that is concerning please take down the license plate number and report to the RCMP.



Elder's Chumustup & Chat

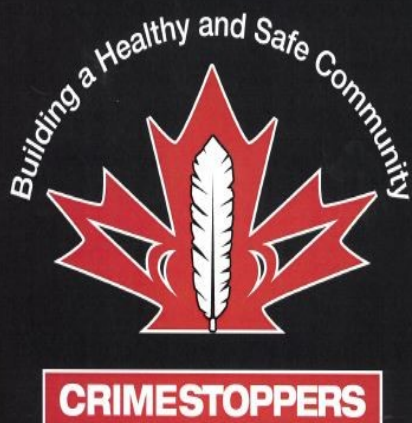


**1st Monday of the
month**

10AM - 12PM

**Great Room
Chumus Potluck
Everyone Welcome!**

(Please note if the 1st Monday
lands on a holiday we will meet
the following day)



**We want your information
– not your name!**

 **1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**

 **bccrimestoppers.com**



UPDATE GARBAGE PICKUP SCHEDULE

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Dates are subject to change

CONNECT WITH US!



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TSESHAHT CHIEF COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

With a little over 9 months remaining in our term as elected Chief and Council it is important to take a moment and look back on the work that has been done to date as well as review our current list of projects and next steps. It continues to be a pleasure to work with council, staff and community members to create more opportunities and supports for our membership. It is always important to remember that every individual brings their own knowledge and strengths contributing to the collective vision. We recognize that there is still so much work that we all need to do but also want to recognize all the ones before us that have helped get us to where we are today.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Council has identified the need to develop, update and review current policies that we have in place. It is important that our policies reflect our values as Tseshaht, providing fair and consistent direction for our council, staff, committees and members to follow. In our Council strategy session in December 2018 we identified several policies that need to be in place and up to date with our facilitator Ainjil Hunt. We are very saddened with the passing of Ainjil and would like to thank her family for sharing her in her work with Tseshaht First Nation and her close ties to many of our community members. Our council and administration will continue to work to identify a consultant and funding to complete this very important policy work. Here are some of the policies we identified: housing, facility use, credit card, contracts, communications, elders,

fisheries and wildlife, education, cannabis, forestry, electronics and email use, donations, parks, garbage and recycling, businesses on reserve.



It was also prioritized to update our current Human Resource Policy and develop a bullying and harassment policy. We have successfully received funding to do this work and will be working with a consultant.

In addition to the policy work, we continue to work on our Comprehensive Community Plan, Custom Election Code and Membership Code. These are very important documents that have taken much time and the efforts of many to bring them to where they are today. The current Comprehensive Community Plan is a combination of the draft from 2010 and 2016. We were successful in receiving a significant amount of funding to continue to engage our membership in the development of our CCP. Our CCP Champion is continuing this work in our community and will provide updates regularly. Our membership services committee, council and staff continue to work on the final draft of the membership code and have been reviewing specific matters with legal representatives.

HARBOUR VIEW LANDS

A request for proposals was released by the City of Port Alberni for the Harbour View Lands. I have been informed that the RFP is now closed, and the City will

honour their commitment to meet with Tseshah First Nation representatives prior to reviewing the proposals and making a decision.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

The safety of our community members continues to be a priority for all of us here in Tseshah First Nation. We are working at building stronger relationships with several outside entities to create a safer community. One is the local RCMP. We have 3 Indigenous Policing Officers that we work with closely to improve the safety in our community and continue to look at improving what services are already offered. It has also become apparent that we must also improve our relationships with Crown Counsel and Probation Services to ensure we are consulted about offenders



living within our community. As we continue to heal from the traumas of our past and present, we want to ensure that all of our members are supported in their healing journey. It is important that we provide the safety and security for our children that is needed. We thank the community members that continue to advise on their safety concerns so they can be addressed accordingly.

In the consideration of community safety there are several other initiatives and projects that we have been reviewing. One that has been completed was the slope stability that was identified in one

of our storm seasons on Old Logging Road off McCoy Lake Road.

Other initiatives/ projects include:

- ✓ Traffic signs - the 3 new stop signs at Ekooth and Tsuma-as Drive
- ✓ Walkways created on Tsuma-as Drive and Hector Road
- ✓ Speed limit reduced to 30km/ hr on Hector Road and Tsuma-as Drive

Some other areas we continue to lobby for include better lighting along our roads, walkways on McCoy Lake Road and Pacific Rim Highway.

BC GAMING REVENUE SHARING WITH FIRST NATIONS

We have recently received the packages with information on how to sign on to the limited partnership. The provincial government has transferred \$194.84 Million to the First Nations Gaming Revenue Sharing Limited Partnership with distribution expected to be made soon. The split between First Nations in British Columbia will be based on 50% divided equally, 40% based on population, and 10% remoteness formula.

We have made it a priority to engage staff, council and community to prioritize these funds based on the following conditions set by the Government; health and wellness, infrastructure, safety, transportation and housing, economic and business development, education, language, culture and training, community development and environmental protection, and capacity-building, fiscal management and governance.

RECONCILIATION

At the beginning of our term it was recognized that we need to build stronger relationships to ensure that our Nation is included in the decision-making processes within our territory. There are a number of ways that we continue to advance our presence and involvement and one way has been through the development and implementation of Protocol Agreements. We have successfully adopted a Protocol Agreement with the City of Port Alberni and the Port Alberni Port Authority. In addition to the Agreement with the Port Alberni Port Authority, we took the lead on lobbying for First Nations Representation on the Port Alberni Port Authority. Since our lobbying efforts there are now 2 First Nations representatives (myself included) on the Port Authority and efforts continue to lobby for permanent

First Nations representation. There are a number of other protocol agreements we would like to develop including one with USMA, ACRD, and other First Nations (especially those operating within our territory).

As we continue to explore what reconciliation means and looks like for Tseshaht First Nation there are many discussions and efforts being made at several levels of government which we continue to take part in. At the municipal level we have been involved in the work of the reconciliation committee working to advance reconciliation in the Alberni Valley. We will provide a more in-depth update to our community members in the Fall. At the provincial and federal level we continue to engage the governments, especially the

Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and push for them to honour their commitment to adopting and implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, TRC Calls to Action and Tsilhqot'in decision.

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council received funding for work on Reconciliation on behalf of the Nuuchah-nulth Nations. Shana Thomas is the coordinator on this work and we have invited her to engage our members in this work. We have also made it clear to NTC that most of this work will be done on a Nation level and not through the NTC. It is up to us as Tseshaht First Nation to decide what reconciliation looks like and how we want to engage the different levels of government moving forward.

HAAHUUPAYAK SCHOOL

We continue to work towards the vision of a Kindergarten to Grade 12 immersion school for our students. We continue to have discussions with Federal and Provincial representatives to expand haahuupayak school. Based on the feasibility that was completed in

2016 the federal government committed to provide funding for us to enter the design phase of this work. As this expansion requires a significant amount of funding it will likely be completed in a phased approach.

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

We are very happy with the work that has been done to open our Language House in the efforts of revitalizing our Tseshaht Language. We currently have 3 members employed and working on this initiative. As council we recognize

the importance that each of us have a role in the revitalization of our language and have taken it upon ourselves to learn as well. We have asked our Language Coordinator to attend every council meeting to provide a language lesson. We

have also been working to have a welcoming speech prepared in Tseshaht language for when we are asked to provide welcomes at events.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Sproat School

Following our presentation to the community on the work that was done regarding the Highest and Best Use study for this property we were successful in receiving funding from CORP for the preliminary design phase for mixed commercial and residential use for this land.

Orange Bridge Cannabis Dispensary

A Manager, Assistant Manager and Supervisor have all been hired for Orange Bridge Cannabis. They will continue to act on the steps necessary to open the dispensary.

Micro Hydro Project

With the changes to the Standing Offer Program it was not feasible to move ahead with the Micro Hydro

Project. Recognizing that there was a substantial investment in time, effort and financially for this project we are currently working towards recovering what we can by lobbying the government and working in collaboration with other Nations

Alberni Ice

This project became more of a cost for our Nation than an opportunity and after careful consideration we dissolved our partnership with HUB City for Alberni Ice.

Forestry and Fisheries

Utilizing forestry funds, we were able to make a lump sum payment of \$1,000,000 towards our long-term debt which will save a significant amount of money on interest on that debt. More updates will be shared from each department in Fall 2019.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Tseshaht was a driving force behind bringing Mental Health and Wellness to the forefront of our discussions at many different levels. With Nuuchahnulth we were able to develop a Mental Health and Wellness Declaration and lobby for significant changes in

supporting the health and wellness of all Nuuchahnulth. As Tseshaht we have also been successful in receiving more funding to support our own initiatives for our members. Through our own efforts and collaborative solutions with other organizations we

continue to improve the health and wellness of our people. It is important that we continue to move forward on initiatives that will better our physical, spiritual, emotional, and mental health.

NTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NTC Board of Directors Meeting – July 30, 2019, Port Alberni

Following the election in Ditidaht First Nation the new NTC Director is elected Chief Councillor Brian Tate. We received an update from our Nuuchahnulth First Nations Health Council Representative Les Doiron. It was brought to our attention that the FNHC decided to

remove the Chair and Deputy Chair and appoint on an interim basis. Les is currently the Deputy Chair until new appointments are expected to take place on August 16. The NTC Directors reviewed and approved the March 31, 2019 audited financial statements. Motions were also made to distribute the following surpluses:

- \$786,295 Targeted Health Program to ALL Nations (25/75 formula)
- \$390,000 ISC Core Program to ARFA Nations (12.5/87.5 formula)

The NTC Constitution and Bylaws working group are in the final stages of their mandate and will be presenting proposed changes at the upcoming NTC AGM. Support was provided for the following:

- proposal to the Pew Charitable Trusts for \$200,000 in funding to support the operation of the Nuuchahnulth – Haida Oceans Dialogue Forum in 2019-2020.

- proposal to the Sustainable Development Goals through Employment and Social Development Canada in amount of \$100,000.
- Enter a Memorandum of Understanding with Industry Training Authority.

A motion was also passed to opt into the new Vision Care Program model that is delivered through the partnership established between First Nations Health Authority and Pacific Blue Cross. We will provide more information about these changes when they become available through Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council. The changes are expected to take place in mid September 2019.

OTHER ITEMS...

Tseshaht Women's Declaration – a meeting to continue this work needs to be rescheduled.

Council Quarterly Reports –next report scheduled for Fall 2019.

Council Cooks for the Community – a date will be set for Fall 2019.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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| ➤ Council Meetings September 5 and 19 | ➤ NTC Reconciliation September 24, 2019 |
| ➤ Community Meeting September 9, 2019 | ➤ NTC AGM September 25 and 26, 2019 |
| ➤ BCAFN AGM September 18-20, 2019 | |

